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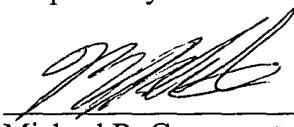
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Applicants enclose the following document in the above-referenced patent application:

1. Amendment.

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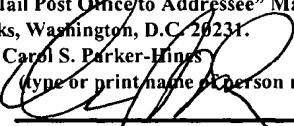
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure, as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for tensioning and positioning a fiber optic cable includes providing and securing a first portion of the fiber optic cable in a first support with a first clamp. A second portion of the fiber optic cable is then provided in a second support, and secured thereto with a second clamp. A cam contacting the second support is then rotated, thereby rotating the second support due to its weight and the weight of the second clamp. The rotation of the second support creates a gravity-assisted moment arm that uniformly and repeatably tensions and positions the fiber optic cable. After the fiber optic cable is uniformly tensioned and positioned, a refractive-

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